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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the computable general equilibrium analysis has made some prediction about India if HIV/ AIDS is contained;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) The computable general equilibrium analysis by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) based on a study for household level impact of AIDS in six high prevalence states is that at the given prevalence rate of less than 1%, economic impact at national level is not discernible. However, in the absence of remedial policy action, the HIV epidemic in India is likely to bring down the average annual GDP growth rate during 2002-03 to 2015-16 by about 1 percent.

(c) The Government of India is implementing National AIDS Control Organisation (NACP) to control the spread of HIV/AIDS by up-scaling targeted interventions among high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness specifically among women and children, expanding the preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including Treatment of Opportunistic Infections and provision of Anti-retroviral drugs and mainstreaming HIV intervention strategies.